

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is believed that claims presently pending are claims 1-8 and 10-25, i.e., the same as claims that appear in the Amendment after Final Rejection dated March 3, 2004. Claim 9 has been cancelled.


Claims 1-8 and 10-25 were rejected under the first paragraph of 35 USC 112. The Examiner contends that there is no description in the disclosure as originally filed of implanting hydrogen ions into a semiconductor substrate "having implant-damage stiffening material on the single crystal substrate."

Initially, clarification of claims 10-25 is requested since these claims are essentially original claims, with the exception of claim 14 wherein spelling of the term "stream" was corrected, and are devoid of the objected limitation.

In reference to the rejection, however, the implant-damaged stiffening material is inherent of the implanted hydrogen ions, which is expressly recited in claim 1 as step (a).

It is requested that the pending claims herein be allowed and the case be passed to issue,

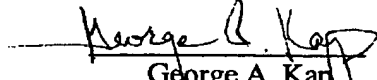
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